



To be submitted to the 36th AIPA General Assembly

**DRAFT RESOLUTION
ON
ASEAN TOURISM; PROMOTING NATURE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPING
SUSTAINABLE TOURISM**

Recalling the following resolutions (a) Resolution on “Promoting cultural and eco-tourism to stimulate economic growth” (Res. 26GA/2006/Eco/01), (b) Resolution on “Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change” (Res. 29GA/2008/Soc/04), (c) Resolution on “Promoting Economic Growth and Sustainable Development Towards Narrowing Development Gap in ASEAN” (Res. 32GA/2011/Eco/01), (d) Resolution on “the Creation of a Green Economy to Promote Sustainable Development” (Res.33GA/2012/ Eco/02), and (e) Resolution on “Promoting the Role of AIPA in Response to Challenges of ASEAN Economic Community and Supporting Green Growth” (Res.34GA/2013/Eco/02) all of which promote sustainable economies through green growth economic policies;

Referring to the commitment to implement the ASEAN Tourism Agreement signed by the ASEAN Leaders at the 8th ASEAN Summit on 4 November 2002 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, calling for facilitation and implementation of intra-ASEAN and International travel, facilitation of transport services, market access, quality tourism, tourism safety and security, joint marketing and promotion, and human resource development;

Further referring to the Declaration of Bali Concord II made on the 7 October 2003 in Bali, Indonesia on Establishing an ASEAN Community for a closer and mutually beneficial integration among member states by the ASEAN Leaders, as well as the Vientiane declaration on Enhancing ASEAN Tourism Cooperation by the ASEAN Tourism Ministers in Vientiane, Lao PDR on 3 February 2004;

Noting that the tourism industry has contributed to national economic growth in ASEAN encouraging small and medium tourism enterprises to multiply and expand, hence enhancing the citizens living standards;

Further Noting that development of the tourism industry will promote better knowledge about multicultural dimension among ASEAN citizens and contribute positively to the building of respect, friendship, cooperation and harmony among various communities in ASEAN;

Recognizing the diversity of cultures and custom among the people of ASEAN and further the historical heritages and natural sites in ASEAN have attracted large numbers of tourists;

Mindful that the promotion of ASEAN as a Single Tourism Destination requires a policy framework and regulations to be made for the management and sustainability of the tourism industry;

Emphasizing the need to build awareness surrounding the tourism industry in order to prevent potential exploitation of natural heritage and stall disrespect of local culture and custom religious belief, thereby maintaining a balance between the expansion of the tourism industry and the promotion for the conservation of natural heritage and appreciation of local culture and custom;

Expecting that cultural diversity and, natural and historical landmark, forming an integral part of the heritage of ASEAN, will play a significant role in attracting tourists;

Hereby Resolves to;

Urge AIPA Member Parliaments to study cultural differences in ASEAN, provide cultural exchanges and educate citizens to appreciate the diversity in culture and especially those in the tourism industry.

Further urge AIPA Member Parliaments to enhance their efforts to support legislative frameworks in the realization of ASEAN as a single Tourism Destination and to develop a transnational tourism industry in ASEAN;

Urge AIPA Member Parliaments to create a standard platform for the protection of culture, historical landmark, and natural habitat, for expansion of the tourism industry by providing comprehensive legislation to prevent stagnation of tourism in ASEAN;

Recommend ASEAN Member States to make concerted efforts requiring governmental intervention to establish such rules and regulations, to protect the habitat and cultural landmarks, promote the education on tourism, and to develop respect for diverse cultures and custom, and encourage, friendship, harmony and cooperation among the peoples of ASEAN for a green growth economy which promotes sustainable tourism.